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CIRCUIT COURT HAS ADJOURNED

A Number of Cases Continued—
Convictions and Mistrials.

CONVICTED ARE SENTENCED.

Jury Believed to Have Been
Tampered With—State Saw
It and Continued Cases.

When we went to press Tuesday morning Green Calhoun, colored, was being tried on the charge of murder. States Attorney Calhoun prosecuted and Attorney J. M. Rivers represented the defendant. The case went to the jury soon after noon, and after more than five hours a mistrial was announced. We learn that nine of the jurors were for finding the accused guilty of manslaughter, and three were for acquittal.

The next case taken up was that of the State vs. Ed J. Johnson, selling whiskey in a dry county. This case went to the jury about dark, and after several hours a mistrial was announced. The jury in this case were E. C. Chitty, J. D. Phillips, R. M. Perry, J. W. Cannon, Leonard Guthrie and W. T. Everett. All were for conviction but Everett, and he forced a mistrial.

These were the only cases tried during the day Tuesday, and both resulting in a mistrial made it equivalent to nothing being done during the day.

THE GUNS WATERS CASE.

Court convened Wednesday morning at 8:30, and the case of the State vs. W. Augustus Waters, selling liquor in a dry county, was next taken up. The jury sworn to try the case according to the law and the evidence was composed of the following named persons: C. R. Spivey, W. J. Hodge, J. B. Davis, J. D. Phillips, R. M. Perry, O. C. Tousey.

The state made out a good case, and counsel on both sides—Calhoun and Thrasher for the state, and Davis for the defense—addressed the jury. After being out about 7 hours the jury came into open court and reported a mistrial. All of the jurors were for conviction but J. B. Davis, and he stood out against the others for acquittal.

SOME TAMPERING OR BIAS.

After announcing this mistrial (the second one of the liquor cases to me with such a fate), and it having become so palpably apparent to States Attorney Calhoun (and all other observers) that some of the jurymen had been tampered with, or that they naturally had bias for defendants in liquor cases, the States Attorney very wisely decided to continue the other cases until the spring term of the court, and to see that the defendants in all cases continued be required to give good bonds or stay in jail. We are assured that both His Honor Judge Willis and States Attorney Calhoun (who are now on to the "racket") are determined to see that justice is done in these liquor cases. Causing mistrials at this term of the court will do the defendants no good, but will only add expense which must be born by the accused if they are convicted at the next term. They can not reasonably hope for acquittals—the cases made out by the state are strong—and new jurors will pass upon the evidence at the hearings.

WANTED LIQUOR SHIPPED.

Attorney S. L. Carter, representing Geo. M. Rogers, stated to the court that the liquor taken from Rogers by Sheriff Fennell when he raided Rogers' place at Wade, and which was being held as evidence against Rogers, who is under prosecution, had not been paid for by Rogers, but belonged to a liquor dealer in Jacksonville. He asked that Sheriff Fennell be instructed to ship the whiskey to the alleged owner. The court granted the request after Defendant Rogers and counsel signed papers admitting the facts which the whiskey was being held to prove, and the Sheriff was ordered to ship the whiskey and take receipt from defendant for same.

SENTENCES PASSED.

J. M. Martin, who sold domestic wine at his home in the country, alleging that he did not know it was a violation of the law, and who tamely submitted to the pouring on the ground of 150 gallons of the wine when informed that he was violating the law, pleaded guilty to selling liquor in a dry county, and was fined \$300 and costs, but judgment was suspended during good behavior.

Stephen Timmons, convicted of murder in the second degree, was sentenced to the State prison for life.

Geo. Buddington, assault with intent to commit murder, sentenced to State prison for two years.

Lucius Gordon, larceny, \$100 or three months in the county chain-gang.

David Hall, selling liquor in a dry county, \$300 and costs, or eight months in the county chain-gang.

Frederick Wilson, selling whiskey without license (before the county went dry), \$50 and costs, or six months in the gang.

Mose Johnson, selling liquor in dry county, \$10 and costs, or thirty days in the gang.

Sam Ingram, breaking and entering

with intent to commit a misdemeanor, five years in the State prison.

NOTES.

Mose Johnson (the old duck hunter) was unable to employ counsel, and is not considered a very bad negro, so the court was inclined to be lenient with him.

Lucius Gordon is a negro boy and "borrowed some things" from a clothing store.

David Hall is a very hard case, and he is under indictment for selling liquor in a dry county in another case.

Judge Willis and State's Attorney Calhoun have made many friends here during the present term and will feel more at home next time.

Court adjourned for the term soon after dinner yesterday, and the Judge and State's Attorney at once left for their respective homes.

GAINESVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Passes Resolutions on the Death of Hon. Jno. A. Ammons.

To the Honorable J. T. Willis, Judge of the Circuit Court of Alachua County, Florida:

We, your committee appointed to present resolutions commemorative of the life and character of J. A. Ammons, Esq., late a member of this Bar, beg leave to present the following:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, During this term of court the summons of Almighty God called the spirit of J. A. Ammons, Esq., one of the members of the Bar of this court, from the scene of his earthly labors, to Jehovah's supreme tribunal, to the sorrow of his friends and companions in the struggle and strife of this sphere; and whereas, we are deeply sensible of our loss, and have the keenest appreciation of his many character; the extent of his learning; his fine conception of honor; his professional rectitude, and the warmth of his regard for, and his unflinching courtesy towards his brother practitioners in our great profession, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death the Bar of Alachua county has sustained an irreparable loss, his professional brothers have suffered the everlasting deprivation of his genial presence; his splendid intellect and his inspiring example; all of which have many times appealed to us as traits which indelibly mark the true lawyer and cultured gentleman. Be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the widow and family of the deceased, our sincere sympathy for them in their hour of bereavement, and our assurance that we join with them in their deep and inexpressible sorrow. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this Court, a page of which shall be devoted to the memory of the deceased, and that copies thereof be furnished to his family and the papers of this county.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBT. E. DAVIS,
B. A. THRASHER,
J. M. RIVERS,
Committee.

GAINESVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Passes Resolutions on the Death of Hon. S. Y. Finley.

The Committee of the members of the Bar appointed to draft suitable resolutions in respect to the memory of Samuel Y. Finley, Esq., has the honor to report the following:

Whereas, Since the last term of this court, Samuel Y. Finley, an old and respected member of this Bar, has passed away, and it is fitting that we, who have been intimately associated with him, and who knew him well, should express, and have placed upon the records of this Court, our appreciation of his many noble qualities; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Finley, this Bar has lost a kind and considerate friend, this community an old and respected citizen, and his family a fond and loving relation. Our departed Brother was as free from enmity and malice as man can well be. He was, by nature, kind and loving and as exempt from guile as a young child. Quick to resent what he thought an affront, when the occasion passed all resentment went with it. He was familiar with the principles of the law and took great pleasure in discussing them. His power of language was great, and he seldom used an inappropriate word. He was a strong advocate and a forcible speaker and delighted in legal disputation. At the time of his death, he was the oldest practicing member of our bar and the President of our County Bar Association. When the summons came for him to go he obeyed it without fear and without hesitation, passing through the dark valley with a confident expectation of a blessed immortality.

Resolved, further, That with the consent of the Court, resolutions be spread upon its minutes, and a copy thereof be sent to the widow of Mr. Finley, and copies delivered to the Sun and to the Star with a request that such resolutions be published by them.

Resolved, further, That the members of this Bar assure the wife and children of our deceased Brother of their kindest sympathy in their bereavement.

E. C. F. SANCHEZ,
HORATIO DAVIS,
W. W. HAMPTON.

Have your clothing cleaned at Owen Lloyd's Dye Works. July 14, 1903.

A DASTARDLY MURDER IT WAS

Lulu Robinson Murdered in Cold Blood.

ALLEGED SLAYERS IN JAIL.

Thought Woman Would Inform
On the Men for Selling
Whiskey.

The most dastardly murder that has occurred in the county for years, occurred near the home of Capt. J. S. Dupuis, at Bland, not far from Alachua, a few evenings ago when Lulu Robinson, a colored woman, was shot dead in her home.

Justice E. E. Bell, of Alachua, held an inquest over the remains of the murdered woman, and on the evidence adduced two negro men were arrested—Thomas Gaines as principal and Jesse Williams as accessory—and brought to this city and lodged in jail to await a commitment trial by County Judge H. G. Mason.

From the best information obtainable at present, it seems that the men, Gaines and Williams, were about to be arrested for selling whiskey, and they expected the woman to be a witness against them and in order to prevent her evidence coming out deliberately murdered her in her home, in the presence of her small children, and while her husband was away.

If the men now under arrest are proven to be the guilty parties they should, and doubtless will pay the penalty with their lives, and if the men now in custody are not the guilty parties a mighty effort should be made by officers and citizens to see that the guilty ones are apprehended and brought to justice.

Ladies Can Now Feel Safe.

The store formerly occupied by S. V. Duke as a saloon, at the northwest corner of the square, is undergoing a complete change, and is being thoroughly renovated preparatory to being occupied by Carter Brothers, who are doing a live grocery, fruit and confectionary business on the south side.

This stand is one of the best and most valuable in the city, and Carter Brothers may be expected to do a good business there. With Carter Brothers and their stock of useful goods on this corner, and Johnson Brothers, the popular druggists, occupying the Williams' former saloon stand at a near-by corner, the city will present quite a different appearance to what it did when these corners were liquor stands, and ladies can now feel safe when passing the corners.

Sheriff Fennell and Whiskey.

Sheriff Fennell has been getting a whole lot of "cussin'" of late, but his shoulders are broad and he can stand it. The sheriff and his efficient deputies have been rakin' in blind tiger liquor again' an' scomin', and, of course, they have made for themselves a few enemies—and many friends.

The sheriff who makes no enemies makes a mighty poor officer. The liquor people have decided that the one great trouble with Fennell is, he won't let whiskey alone. Every good citizen of the county should stand by the officers in their attempt to have the violators of the law brought to justice.

Visits First Charge.

Rev. L. W. Moore, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, preached in St. Johns county last Sunday, near St. Augustine. It was there where Mr. Moore had his first charge in Florida—more than twenty years ago—and where he, of ten went on foot and waded deep water to reach his appointments. Some of the boys and girls to whom he preached there more than a score of years ago heard him preach last Sunday, as did, also, some of their boys and girls. Mr. Moore enjoyed the visit among members of his congregations of long ago, and the people seemed to appreciate his visit to them.

Committee Feels Easy.

The Publishing Committee of the Florida Christian Advocate held a meeting here on Wednesday, the 28th, which was very satisfactory in every respect. While no contracts were made for the future publication of the Advocate, yet such proposals were received that the committee was made to feel very easy as to the future of the Advocate.

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John W. French, Local Agent, Gainesville, Fla.
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LAWYER IN TROUBLE.

Martin L. Williams, Brilliant Lawyer in Trouble.

Arcadia, Oct. 27. Major Martin L. Williams has been absent from Arcadia since Sunday morning. He took a north-bound train and has not been heard of since.

Many of his friends were under the impression that he had gone to Tampa to employ counsel to represent him in his disbarment suit instituted by State Attorney Phillips, but it is now conceded that he has skipped the country fearing the action of the grand jury.

The motion for the disbarment of Williams from the practice of law in the State of Florida was presented to Judge J. B. Wall today by State Attorney H. S. Phillips. It was shown that a notice of the presentation of the motion today with a copy thereof had been presented to Williams previous to his departure, by Sheriff T. E. Fielder, and that he had willfully absented himself from the court and manifested no inclination to refute the charge.

The court accordingly adjudged him guilty of forgery and falsifying the bill of exceptions filed with the Supreme court in the case of Isaiah E. Cooper, murderer, and ordered his disbarment from the practice of law in Florida.

It is expected that criminal prosecution will be instituted against the ex-attorney, through the action of the grand jury in the matter is awaited. In the meantime any information concerning his whereabouts is looked for with interest. The entire town is incensed at the action of his chief executive.

Mrs. Williams, who is pronounced a most excellent and amiable lady, has the sympathy of the entire community, and has friends who will see that her every want is administered to.—Tampa Tribune.

It seems that a brilliant Florida democratic lawyer and office-holder is in serious trouble. Williams' actions have been a great surprise to most Floridians who know him, and all will sympathize with his good wife. But, if the disbarred lawyer is guilty as charged he deserves what has come to him, if no more, and States Attorney Phillips deserves to be praised for showing up the ex-attorney's craft practices.

It is barely probable that Williams is the only lawyer in Florida who should be disbarred, and it is to be hoped that States Attorney Phillips' action will stimulate other States Attorneys to investigate their surroundings.

Mr. Rhodes is Popular.

The many friends of Mr. J. C. Rhodes, a stockholder in the firm of R. M. Hughes & Co., manufacturers of ciders and vinegars, Louisville, Ky., are congratulating him on his recent elevation to the presidency of the firm.

Mr. Rhodes is a popular young man of Indiana, who married Miss Viola Pettis of High Springs several years ago, since which time High Springs, and later Gainesville, has been two of his places of headquarters.

We presume Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes will now remove to Louisville, and the best wishes of their many High Springs and Gainesville friends will follow them.

For Sheriff.

To the Voters of Alachua County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the action of the next Democratic primary. If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability, and I solicit the support of all voters at the polls.

Respectfully,
W. C. HAGUE.

Try Fagan's for best meats.

W. D. Blitch, of High Springs, was in the city Wednesday.

F. C. Reinhardt, of Waco, was in the city Wednesday.

H. C. Ray of High Springs visited Gainesville Tuesday.

Malory Horn, attorney at law, Jasper, was in the city yesterday.

Capt. H. A. Ford has returned from a business trip to Tallahassee.

Deputy Sheriff Carl of Archer, was here on official business this week.

S. L. Blanton and M. M. May were in the city Wednesday from Forest Grove.

Fletcher King of St. Augustine, was greeting old friends in the city a few days ago.

Capt. J. W. Carter, one of Micanopy's leading citizens, was in the city Wednesday.

Geo. R. Ellis, the fertilizer man, has returned from a business trip in South Florida.

Mrs. James Holder, an estimable lady of Rochelle, was shopping in the city Tuesday.

Capt. J. S. Dupuis, of Bland, was crossing palms with Gainesville friends Wednesday.

John Hester, merchant of Evinston, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

S. W. Lang of Dutton, spent several days in the city this week attending court as a witness.

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping purposes, 15 cts. a hundred or 25 for 5 cts., at THE STAR OFFICE.

A. R. Harper, the piano and organ man, has returned from a business trip in West Florida.

If you want money to buy or build a home, pay off mortgage, or contract for profitable investment see Moyers.

Geo. K. Robinson, of Ocala, was the guest of his brother Walter G. Robinson, this city, Tuesday.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. For Sale by Dr. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs, Fla.

Mr. J. I. Griffin, a highly respected citizen of Jonesville, was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Hon. T. H. Willard, member of the Legislature, was in the city yesterday from his home at Osceola.

We want you to come and look at our new patterns in china, for in no other way can you realize how high the quality and how low the price. L. C. SMITH.

Mr. John C. Trice, editor and publisher of the Tallahasseean, Tallahassee, spent part of the day Wednesday in the city.

FOR SALE. A beautiful soda font, in perfect order, and very cheap. Any one wishing a bargain should come to The Star office and see this font.

Mrs. L. W. Hatchell of High Springs, passed through the city Wednesday en route to Palatka, where she visits friends.

Our shoes are unsurpassed for comfort, style and durability, and the prices are as low as the lowest. Visit our shoe department before purchasing elsewhere.

L. C. SMITH.

Miss Rosabell Smith, after spending the summer with relatives and friends in the North, returned home a few days ago.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower. For sale by J. R. S. B. Giddings, Gainesville, and the Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs.

Mr. E. B. Godwin, one of the prominent merchants of High Springs, was transacting business in the city Wednesday.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

M. D. Jackson, merchant at Williford, after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jackson, this city, returned to Williford Tuesday.

Bring us your cotton, and price our goods. If you can do better elsewhere than with us, no harm done, but give us a trial. G. W. Easterlin & Co., High Springs, Fla.

Capt. J. J. Barr, Mr. E. C. Chitty, Mayor J. H. Prator, and other prominent citizens of Micanopy, have been attending court here this week as witnesses and jurors.

If you have a house, or room, or set of rooms to rent, advertise same in The Star. If you are too busy to come to the office just phone us the wording of your ad. Our phone is No. 86.

Mrs. W. D. Williams, wife of Conductor Williams of the Atlantic Coast Line, passed through the city Wednesday en route to Jacksonville, where she went to visit friends.

Have you tried Giddings' Hair Grower? Others have tried it and pronounced it good. For sale at S. B. Giddings' Drug Store, Gainesville, and Postoffice Drug Store, High Springs.

After a few days visit to Mrs. W. B. Taylor, this city, Miss Viola Harris, the accomplished and charming daughter of Editor Frank Harris, of Ocala, has returned home.

Just received—A beautiful line of cut glass, the very thing for wedding and anniversary gifts. You will also find a nice line of silverware and jewelry in our jewelry department.

L. C. SMITH.

Rev. J. P. Hilburn, of Ocala, and Rev. L. S. Patterson, of Dade City, were in the city Wednesday, in attendance upon the meeting of the Publishing Committee of the Florida Christian Advocate.

Parties who have been in the city this week from that section of Columbia county adjoining Alachua on the north, say that the people there are for Stockton for Senator, Barrs for Congress and Mays for Governor.

Rev. J. B. Holley, pastor of the First Baptist church, is attending the Baptist Association at Withlacoochee, and in his absence Rev. W. J. Carpenter of the Methodist church, conducted the prayer meeting at the Baptist church last night.

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THOSE WHO seemed to think when we started more than four months ago that THE STAR appeared in the journalistic sky only for the purpose of shining on a short temperance campaign were mistaken.

THE STAR is the PEOPLE'S paper, and will advocate such candidates for office as the editor conscientiously believes are the people's best friends when principle, experience and ability are all considered, and, while friendly suggestions are always welcomed, the policy of THE STAR will be controlled only by its editor and proprietor.

You Need It--

You Need THE STAR.

IF YOU favor our ideas—political and otherwise—you will enjoy reading THE STAR during the coming campaign which is to be the greatest ever conducted in Florida, and if you differ with the editor, on political or other matters, you should read the paper so that you can know where to hit him and how to head him off.

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